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Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board
Megan Tooker
510 East 12th, Suite 1A
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Ms. Tooker,

I am writing to file an official complaint against State Auditor Mary Mosiman, who continues to maintain her campaign account Mosiman for Auditor from her previous campaigns for the office of Story County Auditor.

On December 22, 2010 the Des Moines Register reported that Iowa Secretary of State Matt Schultz announced Mosiman would serve in his office as deputy of elections. According to the Ames Tribune, Mosiman resigned from her position as Story County Auditor on January 3rd, 2011.

Despite no longer actively holding or seeking any political office, in 2012 Mosiman used her campaign account to purchase nearly \$1,000 worth of various training sessions and reimbursing herself and additional \$149.18 for travel to county Republican conventions. The January 19th, 2013 disclosure report for Mosiman for Auditor lists the following expenditures:

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| 3/23/12 | ID# CK# 733 | Mary Mosiman 3727 Pleasant View Rd Ames, IA 50014 | Reimburse 382.5 miles at \$.39/mile. Travel to Cerro Gordo, Story, Marshall, Boone county conventions. | 149.18 |
| 4/23/12 | ID# CK# 734 | Iowa Society CPA 950 Office Park Rd West Des Moines, IA 50265 | 16 hours training session - Local Government Update & Government Roundtable | 480.00 |
| 11/9/12 | ID# CK# 735 | Iowa Society CPA 950 Office Park Rd West Des Moines, IA 50265 | 8 hours training session by IA Dept Revenue & Finance - Legislative Update & Tax Seminar | 150.00 |
| 12/26/12 | ID# CK# 736 | Mary Mosiman 3727 Pleasant View Rd Ames, IA 50014 | Reimburse 8 hours training sessions - Ethics, Fraud, & Excel Spreadsheet | 316.00 |
| | ID# | | | |

These payments, totaling \$1,095.18 were made more than a year after Mosiman resigned from her elected position and began working for the Iowa Secretary of State's office. As you know, Iowa Code 68A.302 states the following:

A candidate and the candidate's committee shall use campaign funds only for campaign purposes, educational and other expenses associated with the duties of office, or constituency services, and shall not use campaign funds for personal expenses or personal benefit.

Since Mosiman neither held, nor was she seeking, an elected position in 2012, these payments for training sessions and travel were solely for "personal benefit" and in direct violation of Iowa Code. It is my hope that you investigate this misuse of campaign funds and take appropriate action.

Sincerely,



Troy Price
Executive Director
Iowa Democratic Party